

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 1, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CHURCH

<u>LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE/SOUP AND BREAD SUPPERS</u> – On Tuesdays of Lent through March 24, we will gather for a simple meal of soup and bread following a 6:00 pm Lenten prayer service. We need a <u>Coordinator</u> for the suppers and <u>volunteers</u> to help set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up if you can help and/or if you will bring soup or bread.

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

A SHORT SEMINAR will be presented by Mt. Calvary and Gethsemani Catholic Cemeteries after the 4:00 PM Mass on March 14 regarding the wisdom and value of pre-planning for burial. A booklet entitled Now and at the Hour of Our Death will be provided to those attending the seminar. Additionally, information on the Church's teaching on end-of-life issues and cremation will be addressed.

WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL FOLLOWING SATURDAY MASS – Hopefully everyone on the schedule for 2015 has been notified of their assigned date. If not, the 2015 schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Remember, if you hosted wine & cheese last year, you are automatically on the schedule for the rest of your life, unless you ask to be removed. WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPEN DATES TO FILL! It's fun to host and everyone appreciates your generosity so much, so if you haven't hosted in the past, consider participating this year. Afraid that it's too big of a job? Consider joining forces with another family. If you're interested or have questions, contact Elizabeth Duncan 503-244-7498 or meduncan 333@gmail.com.

CRS RICE BOWL HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY – Every year, parishioners in our Archdiocese contribute generously to CRS Rice Bowl. This generosity not only serves the poor on an international scale, but also serves our neighbors right here in Western Oregon. Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl proceeds help fund development projects designed to increase food security in communities in over 40 countries. Twenty-five percent of CRS Rice bowl proceeds remain here in our community to fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs.

CHOIR PRACTICE Choir practice is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP IN NEED OF WORK? Are you and your spouse/fiance'(e') struggling to work together, set joint goals and even just to communicate well? Catholic Charities' Between Us program offers free healthy relationship education to anyone. We follow the Prepare and Enrich program: a nationally recognized relationship inventory and skill-building program. It will help you both explore your strengths and areas where growth is needed, as well as come to appreciate your similarities and differences. Call Catholic Charities at 503-688-2613 for more information.

HOSPITALITY FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

9:00 am: Pamela and Arly Dunham and Sharon Burns 11:00 AM: Frankie and Daryl Anderson Please come early. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please make sure you find a substitute. Thank you.

Every year the first two Sundays of Lent present the whole gamut of human existence, the whole range of the history of salvation. On the first Sunday of Lent the temptation of Jesus recalls the temptation of every human being since the beginning. On this second Sunday of Lent the transfiguration of Jesus holds out the transformation in glory which is the goal of every human hope.

The hope remains as yet unfilled. It is too soon to set up tents. Jesus continues to remind his disciples that first the Son of Man must suffer and be put to death. Only then will they begin to understand what "to rise from the dead" means.

We celebrate Lent caught in the tension between the images of the first and second Sundays, between temptation and transfiguration. Like Abraham, we must walk in faith through the trial, confident that the "suffering of the present are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). For "what we shall later be has not yet come to light, but we know that when it coms to light we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).

LITURGICAL READINGS

Today: Second Sunday of Lent. Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Psalm 116/

Romans 8:31b-34/ Mark 9:2-10

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10/ Psalm 79/ Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin, Isaiah 1:10, 16-20/ Psalm 50/Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20/ Psalm 31/ Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday: Jeremiah 17:5-10/ Psalm 1/ Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Psalm 105/ Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20/ Psalm 103/

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent. Exodus 20:1-17/ Psalm 19/ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25/

John 2:13-25

COLLECTION FOR LAST SUNDAY: \$4,513.24 Thank you.

THE CALL: TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE – Nichlas and Joelle Schaal, along with Resurrection Catholic Parish Music Ministry will be hosting a free concert based on the music of their new CD, The Call: to know, Love, and Serve. It will be a wonderful evening of music and prayer, with a special focus on the season of Lent. The concert will be held at Resurrection Catholic Parish, 21060 SW Stafford Rd., Tualatin, OR 97062 on March 7, at 7:00 pm. Contact Nichlas or Joelle Schaal for more information at schaalmusic@gmail.com or visit www.schaalmusic.com.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Baptism and Anointing of the Sick: Please call the parish office.

Marriage: Six months' notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. James M. Kolb, C.S.P., Pastor Joan Enright, Secretary - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Interested in joining St. Elizabeth Parish? Give us a call. 503-222-2168

Reflection

Peter wanted to hold on forever to the vision of the Transfiguration. Without challenging Peter, Jesus leads the disciples back down the mountain. We need "mountain moments" that provide a strong connection to the Lord, but more importantly, we have to come back down the mountain, to transfigure the routines of life into the extraordinary.